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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION BETWEEN SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the requirement for election between species, dated March 20, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of his scanning apparatus represented by the first embodiment of the invention, illustrated in Figures 1 through 6, and such a scanning apparatus as incorporated into an image forming apparatus of Figures 19 and 20.

The first embodiment of the apparatus indicates, at page 31 of the application, that the light source unit can include three or more radiation points.

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